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Director's Report

This report is published on the fifth anniversary of the Center for Space Microelectronics Technology (CSMT), which was founded in 1987 at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). NASA and several Department of Defense (DoD) agencies with space responsibilities established CSMT in order to create a critical mass program in space microelectronics with world-class facilities, equipment and staff.

The Center concentrates on innovative, high-risk, high-payoff concepts and devices with the potential to enable future space missions and to significantly enhance current and planned missions. CSMT conducts research and development in four technical areas: solid-state devices, photonics, custom microcircuits and advanced computing. Research and development are pursued through proof of concept demonstration, and successes are transferred to engineering development at JPL, in other Government laboratories and industry.

CSMT focuses on those aspects of microelectronics and advanced computing that are unique to space applications. A concrete example is the development of new sensors for the very long wavelength infrared and submillimeter regions of the electromagnetic spectrum where the atmosphere is opaque and one must get into space to do observations. Another example is the development of laser systems of specific wavelengths tuned to the absorption lines of trace gases in the Earth's atmosphere.

Space systems require low mass and power consumption with extremely high reliability. CSMT's new thrust in microsensors and microinstruments directly addresses these issues. Custom microcircuits, including electronic neural networks and low temperature sensor readout chips, are major elements of the CSMT miniaturization program.

Analysis of the enormous amount of data generated by modern NASA and DoD space missions requires orders of magnitude increase in computing power, both on the spacecraft and on the ground, and similar improvements in communications rates. To support these requirements, CSMT has aggressive programs in high performance parallel computing, data visualization, optical communications and gigabit networks.

After five years, CSMT has gained national recognition for its efforts in the following areas:

- Electron tunneling.
- Terahertz/submillimeter technology.
- Concurrent (parallel) computing.
- Neural networks.
- Microsensors and microinstruments.
- Silicon-compatible infrared detectors.

CSMT also has significant programs in:

- Long wavelength and far-infrared detectors.
- Low and high temperature superconductors.
- Semiconductor lasers.
- Acousto-optical tunable filter spectrometers.

And, CSMT is investing in these areas for future applications:

- Nanometer devices.
- Optoelectronic integrated circuits.
- Innovative materials.

Policy guidance and program oversight for the Center are provided by the CSMT Board of Governors. Board members are the major sponsors of the Center, together with the Director of JPL and the Caltech President and Provost. This year, the U.S. Army Laboratory Command with responsibility to develop space technology for Army needs became a major sponsor, and Col. David Jackson, Director of the Army Space Technology and Research Office, joined the Board of Governors.

Although CSMT's mission is to perform research and development in space microelectronics for NASA and DoD space missions, several CSMT inventions also have significant commercial potential on Earth. Dr. Robert White, Undersecretary for Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, has recently joined the Board of Governors to help develop innovative approaches for CSMT to work with industry to enhance U.S. competitiveness. The members of the CSMT Board of Governors are:

- Dr. Edward Stone, (Chairman), Director, JPL.
- Dr. Gary Denman, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.
- Dr. Dwight Duston, Director, Strategic Defense Initiative Organization/Innovative Science and Technology Office.

- Dr. Thomas Everhart, President, Caltech.
- Dr. Lennard Fisk, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Science and Applications, NASA.
- Col. David Jackson, Director, Army Space Technology and Research Office.
- Dr. Paul Jennings, Vice President and Provost, Caltech.
- Mr. Richard Petersen, Associate Administrator, Office of Aeronautics and Space Technology, NASA.
- Dr. Robert White, Undersecretary for Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The CSMT Scientific Advisory Board, comprising seven world-renowned scientists, reviews the technical program and provides advice to the Board of Governors and CSMT Director. The remainder of this Director's Report summarizes last year's achievements on the technical, programmatic and institutional fronts.

Technical Highlights

CSMT has a number of technical achievements to report. CSMT scientists and engineers accomplished the following:

- Long-Wavelength Infrared Detectors. Fabricated 128 x 128 arrays of Si_xGe_{1-x}/Si heterojunction internal photoemission infrared detectors; demonstrated 5 percent quantum efficiency in the 8–12 micron range and a cutoff wavelength of approximately 18 microns.
- Electron Tunnel Sensors. Demonstrated operation of a prototype electron tunneling infrared sensor with the following unique features: uncooled broadband sensor (1–1000 microns); 10 times more sensitive than a pyroelectric detector; silicon micromachining used to fabricate all sensor components; array-compatible.
- Long Duration Exposure Facility. Explained and documented radiation darkening, temperature effects and connector contamination on fiber samples carried on the Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF), which was launched in 1985 and recovered in 1990. The sample suffered less than 4 decibels loss per kilometer, and the results strongly support the use of fiberoptics in space.
- Semiconductor Lasers. Demonstrated a CW single-mode 727-nanometer diode laser for injection locking of a solid-state laser.
- Combined Release and Radiation Effects Satellite (CRRES). A CSMT radiation effects test chip was carried aboard CRRES, which was launched in 1990.
- Submillimeter Sensor Technology. Demonstrated a niobium superconductorinsulator-superconductor tunnel junction at 500 gigahertz in a Caltech waveguide mixer; demonstrated a 490-gigahertz system consisting of quasi-optical lens, SIS mixer and a quintupled Gunn local oscillator.
- High Temperature Superconductivity. Successfully fabricated a YBaCuO superconducting-normal metal-superconducting (SNS) weak link operating at 87 kelvins.
- Optically Addressed Spatial Light Modulator (O-SLM). Fabricated asymmetric Fabry-Perot O-SLM structures with npn/multiple quantum-well active material; demonstrated record-breaking, high-contrast (greater than 60:1) modulation performance with only a 30-milliwatt laser diode source.
- Sensor Electronics. Demonstrated a low noise, two-dimensional electron gas FET sensor readout device operating at 5 kelvins.

- Electronic Neural Networks. Transferred the neuroprocessing chip technology to McDonnell Douglas Corporation and Charles Stark Draper Laboratory; developed a neural-network inspired, dedicated processor that solves the computation-intensive "route-planning" problem at ultrahigh speeds.
- Neocognitron Neural Network. Successfully demonstrated discrimination of radar signatures of targets using a 9 x 9 channel, 2-layer optical neocognitron neural network using a Damann grating fabricated using electron beam lithography.
- Vertical Bloch Line (VBL) Memory. Invented an improved method of reading VBLs in the VBL memory. This improvement uses the bubble movement under an applied magnetic field.

Programmatic Highlights

CSMT hosted or sponsored the following technical workshops during 1991:

- Second International Workshop on Ballistic Electron Emission Microscopy, held at JPL on January 28, 1991.
- The NASA Astrotech Sensor Workshop, held in Pasadena on January 23–25, 1991.
- The Second International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology, held at JPL on February 26–28, 1991.
- The Strategic Defense Initiative Organization/Innovative Science and Technology Office Symposium on Nanostructures and Applications, held at the University of Arizona on November 19–20, 1991.

Over the past year, CSMT personnel served on numerous panels and committees:

- Joint Services Electronics Program (JSEP) Technical Review Committee.
- NASA University of Michigan Space Terahertz Technology Center, Technical Representative Committee.
- Concurrent Supercomputing Consortium Policy Board.
- Space Technology Interdependency Group (STIG).
- Defense Intelligence Agency National MASINT Architecture Steering Committee.
- U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.
- Executive Board of the Electronic Materials and Processing Division, American Vacuum Society.

- Department of Energy Office of Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Board.
- Congressional Office of Technology Assessment Panel on Miniaturization Technologies.

A number of awards were presented to CSMT scientists. Most notable were the following:

- Peter Mark Memorial Award
 William J. Kaiser, for innovative applications of electron tunneling techniques, by
 the American Vacuum Society.
- Thomas R. Benedict Memorial Award
 Anil P. Thakoor, for the paper, "Electronic Neural Network for Dynamic Resource
 Allocation," at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Computers in
 Aerospace VIII Conference.
- Lew Allen Award for Excellence
 Michael H. Hecht, for contributing to the elucidation of photovoltaic effects in
 metal-semiconductor systems and its impact on the understanding of the
 fundamental mechanisms of Schottky barrier formation.

During 1991, CSMT staff published 193 papers, made 211 presentations and filed 125 new technology reports and patent applications. CSMT also hosted several Distinguished Visiting Scientists, including:

- Ravindra Athale Department of Electrical Engineering, George Mason University.
- Michael Spencer
 Department of Physics, Howard University.
- Heinrich Rohrer
 IBM Zürich Research Laboratory, Zürich, Switzerland.
- Francis T. S. Yu
 Department of Electrical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University.
- L. Eric Cross
 Department of Electrical Engineering, Cornell University.

Institutional Highlights

One particular highlight was the installation at Caltech of the Intel Touchstone Delta parallel supercomputer, which currently is the world's fastest computer. The Delta was purchased by the Concurrent Supercomputing Consortium as part of the National High Performance Computing and Communications Program. Consortium members include JPL, Caltech, NASA, the Defense Research Advanced Projects Agency, the National Science Foundation and several Department of Energy Laboratories.

I. Solid State Devices

Overview

The Solid State Device Research Program is directed toward developing innovative devices for space remote and in-situ sensing, and for data processing. Innovative devices can result from the "standard" structures in innovative materials, such as low and high temperature superconductors, strained-layer superlattices, or diamond films. Innovative devices can also result from "innovative" structures achieved using electron tunneling or nanolithography in standard materials. A final step is to use both innovative structures and innovative materials. A new area of emphasis is the miniaturization of sensors and instruments molded by using the techniques of electronic device fabrication to micromachine silicon into micromechanical and electromechanical sensors and actuators.

1991 Major Technical Achievements

Electron Tunneling

- Observed metal band structure effects in carrier transport for the first time using Ballistic Electron Emission Microscopy (BEEM) on CoSi₂/Si diodes fabricated in the Microdevices Laboratory. A new carrier transport mechanism was discovered to govern the performance of CoSi₂/Si photodiodes.
- Imaged artificial interface structures with BEEM. The resolution of BEEM was found to consistently meet or exceed theoretical expectations.
- Characterized minority carrier transport across a pn junction for the first time with BEEM. The potential profile, collection efficiency, and lateral homogeneity of pn-junctions and other heterostructures can be determined on a microscopic scale with this technique.
- Surface/Interface, Inc., of Mountain View, CA, announced a commercial, variable temperature BEEM system.
- **Demonstrated** operation of prototype tunneling infrared sensor. Measured Noise Equivalent Power (NEP) 8 x 10^{-10} W/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$, which is competitive with best available pyroelectric uncooled infrared sensors.
- Designed improved tunneling infrared sensor.
- Developed new fabrication techniques for improved infrared sensor.
- **Demonstrated** operation of improved tunneling infrared sensor. Sensitivity is 3–5 x better than prototype.
- **Demonstrated** operation of wide-bandwidth transducer element for tunneling accelerometer.

Superconductivity

• **Performed** first comprehensive study of Y-Ba-Cu-O compositional dependence on laser deposition parameters.



- **Fabricated** the first all-high-T_c superconductor/normal-metal/superconductor (SNS) weak links utilizing nonsuperconducting Y-Ba-Cu-O normal metal layers.
- Fabricated high-quality edge-geometry SNS weak links with PrBa₂Cu₃O_{7-x} normal metal layers.
- Deposited in-situ superconducting Ba_{.6}K_{.4}BiO₃ thin films by laser ablation.
- High T_C microwave filter accepted for launch on HTSSE I satellite.

Submillimeter (Terahertz) Receiver Technology

- Designed, fabricated, and tested a 10 element submillimeter wave prototype helium cooled niobium-aluminum oxide niobium superconducting tunnel junction planar array receiver at 230 GHz. An overall receiver noise temperature of 260K DSB was achieved. The planar mixer noise temperature measured 150K DSB and had a conversion loss of 10 dB into a matched load. This is only a factor of four higher than the best waveguide receivers using similar superconducting tunnel junctions at this frequency.
- **Designed**, fabricated, and tested a 200 GHz whiskerless diode subharmonically pumped waveguide mixer to be used as a prototype for the Earth Observing System Microwave Limb Sounder instrument. Obtained mixer noise temperatures below 1600K SSB and a conversion loss less than 9 dB, which surpasses the lowest values ever reported for this type of mixer at this frequency, including those using devices that use whiskered diodes.
- Designed new mask sets for 630 GHz Nb-AlO_X-Nb and NbN-MgO-NbN SIS mixer elements. These new designs employ both single pole and multipole integrated microstrip tuning elements. Preliminary mixer tests show performance better than cooled Schottky mixers. Improvements by a factor of 2 to 3 are expected.
- Made first measurements of dispersion in Nb-SiO-Nb microstrip transmission lines over a frequency range of 100 GHz to 800 GHz. These transmission lines show an onset of dispersion near 500 GHz, which is lower than expected. This is critical to the design of submillimeter wave mixer circuits.
- Improved a calculational technique to de-embed the 630 GHz mixer circuit using Tucker's quantum theory of mixing. The new technique properly accounts for rf power reflected from the circuit.
- Waveguide coupled Nb/AlO_x/Nb mixers were put into field receivers at Owens Valley Radio Observatory (OVRO) and the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) at 115 and 230 GHz. This establishes Nb/AlO_x/Nb tunnel junctions as state-of-the-art, effectively replacing Pb-alloy junctions.
- Fabricated waveguide coupled Nb/AlO_X/Nb mixers for operation at 500 GHz. Achieved lowest noise temperature at this frequency $(T_R(DSB) = 175K)$. These devices are now in use at CSO.

- Fabricated quasioptically coupled Nb/AlO_X/Nb mixer elements using twin slot antennas for 500 GHz operation $(T_R(DSB) = 420K)$.
- **Fabricated** quasioptically coupled Nb/AlO_x/Nb mixers using log-spiral antennas for broadband coupling.
- Fabricated quasioptically coupled Nb/AlO $_{\rm X}$ /Nb and NbN/MgO/NbN focal plane arrays (5 x 10) for operation at 230 GHz.
- Fabricated Nb/AlO_x/Nb and NbN/MgO/NbN mixers for waveguide coupled mixers operating at 626 GHz.
- **Developed** a submicron planar SIS junction fabrication process using electron beam lithography.
- Designed, fabricated (at Lincoln Laboratory and Chalmers), and tested single barrier varactors (SBV) in a waveguide tripler mount to 200 GHz. Characterized the SBV varactor performance over a frequency range from 180 to 210 GHz with various whisker lengths as a function of input pump power to compare performance to our theoretical predictions.
- **Developed** a theory of current saturation in semiconductor varactors that addresses the limitations of these devices at submillimeter wavelengths. With this theory, we predict performance of multipliers at high pump powers and high frequencies much more accurately. This knowledge allows us to optimize device design.
- **Designed** and carried out initial fabrication of a waveguide quintupler mount to 810 GHz.
- **Designed** and carried out initial fabrication of a new planar varactor, the back-to-back barrier-n-n (bbBNN) varactor.
- **Demonstrated** a quantum well oscillator above 700 GHz through a contract to Lincoln Laboratory.
- Stabilized a quantum well oscillator at 200 GHz with a 10 kHz full width at maximum half power through the contract to Lincoln Laboratory.
- Developed a planarization process based on resist etch back for 1µm isolated steps in AlGaAs BIN diode structures for millimeter- and submillimeter-wave local oscillators and multipliers.

Semiconducting Materials: Growth and Characterization

- Observed surface plasmon resonances in metallic silicide particles incorporated in MBE-grown silicon. This is the first report of the optical properties of composite materials incorporating metal particles whose size and aspect ratio can be controlled on a nanometer scale. The resonance peaks observed in the absorption spectra of a set of samples have been modeled successfully by Maxwell-Garnett theory. These resonances also appear in the photoresponse of Schottky detectors fabricated from the same structures, indicating that the surface plasmon modes decay into detectable single-particle excitations. These results constitute the first evidence of a new IR detection mechanism based on resonant absorption in nanometer-scale metallic particles.
- Constructed a scanning cathodoluminescence imaging system with sensitivity from 400 to 1600 nm for high-resolution imaging in a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) in the Microdevices Laboratory. This instrument offers an unprecedented richness of correlated spatial, spectral and polarization-dependent emission data, coupled with conventional SEM images of the same area. The system operates at carrier densities consistent with device operating conditions, and provides images with submicron resolution from which information can be obtained on composition, defects, stress, and carrier transport and recombination. During its first year of operation, it has provided the first definitive evidence of directional strain relief in the vicinity of microcracks in heteroepitaxial GaAs on Si structures.
- **Demonstrated** a technique to obtain photoreflectance measurements of semiconductor structures in the 850–1000 nm range using a Fourier Transform Spectrometer.
- Installed and brought into operation a state-of-the-art analytical high-resolution TEM system in the Microdevices Laboratory. This ABT 002B model 200 kV electron microscope has a point-to-point resolution of 1.8Å and a nanoprobe with a minimum diameter of 5Å. The TEM is equipped with energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy and is connected to the JPL-Cray for image analysis and simulation. This system was purchased for JPL under the EIC Capital Equipment Program, and is an integrated facility also containing specimen preparation and dedicated photographic equipment. The system provides information on structure, defects, and interface characteristics of a wide range of materials, and played a key role in the discovery of a new subsurface crystal growth technique.
- **Developed** a new MBE-based growth technique in which a metal layer can be grown at a subsurface interface by diffusion through a semiconductor overlayer. A continuous, single-crystal layer of cobalt disilicide under a single-crystal Si capping layer has been achieved using this approach, indicating the potential for fabrication of a variety of metallic structures in semiconductors. This growth mode has been coined "endotaxy" as it occurs within the structure rather than on the surface as in conventional "epitaxy". Growth occurs at buried seed nucleation sites, which are prepared by a technique of columnar epitaxy, previously invented in MDL. The newly installed TEM system played a crucial role in elucidating this new phenomenon.

- Developed an MOCVD deposition process capable of selective area growth of high-quality GaAs and AlGaAs epitaxial layers on selected areas of a GaAs substrate through openings in a silicon nitride layer masking the substrate. This new fabrication technique utilizes a novel approach for selective growth on nitridecoated substrates, which have been patterned using the electron-beam lithography system housed in the Microdevices Laboratory. The fabrication of patterned AlGaAs structures with dimensions on the 0.1 µm scale has been demonstrated in this system. The growth technique is based on diethlygallium-chloride as a source for gallium, rather than the more commonly used trimethylgallium. Preferential growth of layered structures of GaAs/AlGaAs, with an overall thickness as high as 5 μm, has been demonstrated on the opening with no deposits on the nearby nitride surfaces. These structures have features with lateral dimensions as small as 1000 Å. The grown layers have shown very strong cathodoluminescence signals, indicative of their good optical qualities. This process will make it possible to grow submicron size device structures, such as quantum dot lasers, without a need for post-growth device processing steps such as chemical or plasma etching. This work is a collaborative effort with Professor Kerry Vahala of Caltech.
- Demonstrated that simple stain etching of silicon wafers can produce porous layers which luminesce in the red at room temperature. The luminescence is similar to that reported for porous layers produced by more exotic "anodic" etching procedures, which has caused a flurry of excitement because of the implications for silicon-based optoelectronics. In comparison to anodically etched wafers, also produced at JPL, the stain-etched films luminesce somewhat less brightly, but with greater uniformity across the sample. TEM, XPS, and RHEED analyses show the bulk of the stain-etched films to consist of amorphous silicon. This suggests that the most-widely-accepted interpretation of the luminescence as originating from crystalline quantum wires is incorrect. Selective definition of the emitting area has also been demonstrated using a photolithographic mask for ion implantation. Implanted regions etch more rapidly, resulting in patterned emitting features.

Electronic Device Technology

- **Fabricated** quasi-continuous tone computer generated phase hologram etched in PMMA by E-Beam lithography.
- Fabricated room temperature high electron mobility test structures using strained layer quantum wells based on 2 monolayers of InAs interlayered with 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 monolayers of GaAs. Mobility enhancement is 20% to 80% compared to comparably designed pseudomorphic InGaAs or AlGaAs/GaAs structures. Previous problems were due to device design parameters and defects in low temperature GaAs layers.
- **Developed** MBE In-free sample mount technology giving low wafer defects and low thermal variation over wafer, while permitting RHEED analysis before and during sample growth.

Microinstrument Technology

- **Demonstrated** a new ultra-high-sensitivity position detection device based on a unique capacitance detection method that shows a sensitivity of at least 0.001 nm/Hz^{1/2}. This device has many applications for transducers, including high-performance guidance and control sensors.
- **Fabricated** a high-performance compact microseismometer operating at state-of-the-art sensitivity of 10 nano-g/Hz^{1/2} and with a total mass of less than 150 grams.
- Tested new microseismometer along with conventional instruments at the world-leading Caltech facility where the new microseismometer detected weak, distant, earthquake activity with sensitivity comparable to the best available seismometers.

Cultured Neuron Probe

- **Developed** processing steps for fabricating prototype neuron probe with neuron wells by micromachining of silicon.
- Delivered prototype probes to J. Pine and G. Buzaki for in-vivo testing.

Diamond Film Technology

- Achieved initial nucleation for diamond growth by ECR plasmas at 13 mTorr and 600°C. The nucleation of diamond by ECR plasmas can be employed for developing epitaxial diamond growth process.
- **Deposited** boron nitride films containing amorphous, hexagonal and cubic phases by ECR plasmas using B₂H₆ and N₂ as source gases. ECR deposition of BN films is the first step for developing a desired interlayer material to promote nucleation and lattice matching for diamond growth on non-diamond substrates.
- **Demonstrated** diamond depositions on ECR-deposited amorphous BN and cubic SiC films, without pretreating the surface of these films with diamond powder. These results indicate the feasibility of developing a viable substrate technology for diamond film applications.
- Expanded diamond film nucleation and deposition parameter space to the pressure range of 10 mTorr to 10 Torr, temperature range of 400 to 750°C, using 2 to 15% CH₄ and 2 to 10% O₂ in H₂ plasmas.
- Fabricated boron nitride and diamond film samples for NASA Evaluation of Oxygen Interaction with Materials-Series 3 (EOIM-3) flight experiments.
- **Developed** cathodoluminescence spectroscopy as a characterization technique for diamond films, and **showed** high quality diamond films deposited at 10 Torr and 600°C with very few nitrogen and non-detectable silicon impurities.

Electron Tunneling

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II. Photonics

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Overview

This section concentrates on optoelectronic materials and devices. Optical processing is included in the section on Advanced Computing. Optoelectronic devices that generate, detect, modulate, or switch electromagnetic radiation are being developed for a variety of space applications. The program includes spatial light modulators, solid state lasers, optoelectronic integrated circuits, nonlinear optical materials and devices, fiber optics, and optical networking photovoltaic technology and optical processing.

1991 Major Technical Achievements

Spatial Light Modulators

- Achieved record high contrast ratios (> 60:1) in low-power (<100 mW/cm²) optically-addressed spatial light modulator (O-SLM) consisting of periodically δ-doped InGaAs/GaAs multiple quantum well structures. This is the first demonstration of a high contrast ratio semiconductor-based O-SLM appropriate for monolithic integration with other semiconductor devices.
- Demonstrated pixelation of these O-SLM structures into arrays for applications such as image processing. Imaging cathodoluminescence measurements reveal that pixilation (50 µm x 50 µm) does not significantly degrade the effective carrier lifetime, and thus should not affect the performance. This is an important step in assessing the feasibility of fabricating high-performance O-SLM arrays. While further improvements in performance are still anticipated, these device parameters are now within the range required for a variety of practical applications.

Lasers

- Designed and fabricated single-mode lasers operating at 730–745 nm. These lasers are in a ridge-waveguide configuration and consist of a single-quantum-well GRIN structure with AlGaAs active regions, as required to push the emission to shorter wavelengths than for commercially available GaAs lasers. Facet coating, heat sinking and bonding processes have been developed for these lasers to permit fabrication and delivery of operational lasers for system integration and testing. CW output powers in excess of 20 mW have been demonstrated.
- Delivered 735 nm diode lasers to LaRC and GSFC for prototype testing in lidar instruments being developed for atmospheric wind sounding. These lasers, which are not available commercially, were developed under NASA Code R funding. The threshold currents and output power of the delivered lasers were well beyond the required specification. Further work will be required to achieve the desired long-term stability and reliability.
- **Demonstrated** monolithic dual-wavelength grating surface-emitting arrays at 9050 and 9250Å. Such sources will be used in wavelength-division multiplexed local-area networks.

- **Demonstrated** first diode lasers with mixed first and second order, and nonresonant gratings. A comparison of the 1/2 mixed grating lasers with 2/2 conventional lasers on the same chip revealed improvements in the threshold current, external quantum efficiency and a complete elimination of diffraction ripples in vertical far field (this is because there is only one emitting region, rather than two).
- **Demonstrated** semiconductor laser operating at 1.111 μm with a threshold current of ~600 A/cm². These lasers and those at nearby wavelengths are being used for spectroscopic measurements and optical addressing schemes.
- **Demonstrated** for the first time a new semiconductor laser structure capable of providing near infrared emission. The new approach involves the growth of pseudomorphically strained In(Ga)As multi-quantum-well active layers, InGaAs(P) barrier and index-guiding layers on InP substrates. The first broad-area lasers in this materials system have been fabricated in the Microdevices Laboratory, and exhibit pulsed operation at ~1.8 μm, with threshold currents ~3kA/cm². Modification of the structure can theoretically yield lasers covering the wavelength range of 1.6–2.3 μm. Semiconductor lasers emitting in this range are desired for spectroscopic applications, and can be used directly, or as injection-locking sources for solid-state lasers. For example, emission at 2.1 μm is desired for injection locking in the LAWS instrument.
- Fabricated high-power ridge-waveguide 940 nm lasers with threshold currents of less than 10 mA, and external quantum efficiencies of more than 60%. The lasers consist of MBE-grown single-quantum-well GRIN structures with pseudomorphically strained InGaAs active regions, and emit more than 80 mW of power at current levels of ~100 mA. The lasers operate in single spatial mode with many longitudinal modes. The multi-longitudinal mode operation is mainly due to the properties of the strained-quantum-well InGaAs active region used in the structure to achieve the desired wavelength of 940 nm. Several devices have been delivered to Section 322 for evaluation as sources for water vapor spectroscopy. The successful fabrication of second and third order gratings on these laser structures using MDL's electron-beam lithography facility has also been demonstrated. The latter is a required step towards the achievement of high-spectral-purity, tunable lasers at this wavelength desired for NASA applications.
- **Developed** growth process for >1 μ m strained-layer lasers, and demonstrated lasing at 1.088 μ m with a threshold of ~2 kA/cm². These lasers are being developed for a new He magnetometer instrument. Further refinement of the growth parameters are underway to lower the threshold.
- Prepared a wafer of low-threshold (<50 mA) ridge waveguide AlGaAs/ InGaAs/GaAs lasers, which, in collaboration with Cornell University, were fabricated into laterally-coupled distributed feedback lasers. This is a new approach to achieve efficient tunable lasers, which avoids the difficult step of regrowth over a grating structure.
- **Demonstrated** integrable laser structures incorporating 45° mirrors implemented in GaAs and InGaAs quantum-well lasers. These lasers were developed as part of an integrated optoelectronic neural network.

Optoelectronic Materials and Characterization

- **Developed** a multilayer resist/metal/resist process for the lithography of an integrated spectrometer structure. Etching a sample SiO₂ wafer containing the grating pattern reproduced the 0.25 µm pattern with no discernible ripple.
- **Demonstrated** planar LPE regrowth of AlGaAs over wet-etched, e-beam-defined gratings in n⁺ GaAs. This is a key step towards realizing tunable GaAs-based monolithically integrated lasers.
- Demonstrated strong photo-optic effects in a periodically delta-doped InGaAs/GaAs multi-quantum well (MQW) structure through optically induced Stark shifts of the QW excitonic resonances. The effect has been implemented in a novel high-contrast-ratio, optically addressed QW spatial light modulator.
- Demonstrated through TEM analysis that higher quality SiGe/Si heteroepitaxial layers are obtained at growth temperatures below those originally thought to be optimal. Materials grown below 400 °C exhibit significantly lower densities of defects than those grown in the 450–550 °C temperature range more typically employed. Also demonstrated the advantages of using elemental B evaporated from a high temperature Knudsen cell as a dopant source. The utilization of these results has led to significant improvements in the performance of SiGe HIP detectors through a reduction of the thermally induced dark current. The elimination of dislocation-induced conduction paths has resulted in dark currents close to theoretical limits.

Optoelectronic Integrated Circuits

- Demonstrated new OEICs consisting of DHPT, biasing MESFET, driving MESFET, and LED: The quantum efficiencies of the LED and the phototransistor were 0.01 W/A and 1.0 A/W, respectively. The transconductance (g_m) of the MESFETs was ~20 mS/mm for a 9-µm-gate length and a 100-µm-gate width. This can be further improved by reducing the gate length of the MESFET. The current level through the LED is ~1.2 mA at a supply voltage of 2.0 V; thus the electrical power consumption of each circuit is ~2.4 mW. With a thin AlAs etch stop layer, the pinch-off voltage of the MESFETs could be controlled over a large area, and the leakage currents held below 100 nA @ 2 V.
- Achieved successful implementation of 4 x 4 array of optical neurons based on this OEIC technology. Each optical neuron exhibits a response time of 5 μ s, a switching input light power of 2 μ W, and thus an optical switching energy of 10 pJ per neuron.
- Achieved high-performance optical neurons utilizing an optical FET (OPFET) as a light detector. The responsivity of the first-generation OPFET was measured to be 0.3 A/W. Completed optical neurons exhibited a differential switching input light power of 54 nW and a differential LED output power of 4.3 µW, which yielded an optical gain of 80. The electrical power dissipation was 1.8 mW, the response time of each neuron was 700 µs, and the differential optical switching energy was 38 pJ per neuron, sufficiently low for a realistic implementation in a 32 x 32 array.

• Achieved a high-responsivity OPFET (160 A/W) in an integrable format. The dimensions of the new OPFET (without gate) were 18 μm (source-to-drain spacing) and 30 μm (width).

Infrared Detectors

- Achieved extension of the LWIR photoresponse to 25 μ m in Si-based HIP detectors. Quantum efficiencies and detectivities at 15 μ m of 2% and 3 x 10⁹ cm Hz^{1/2}W⁻¹, respectively, at 25 K have been observed.
- Demonstrated the advantages of using elemental B evaporated from a high temperature Knudsen cell as a dopant source in the fabrication of SiGe/Si HIP detectors. TEM analyses further indicated that growth at reduced substrate temperatures results in fewer defects. The device dark current has been reduced significantly through these procedures. Further increases in the operating temperature for background-limited performance are expected for optimized detectors.
- Incorporated an optical cavity structure into 128x128 HIP detector arrays consisting of a thick amorphous silicon insulating layer, and an aluminum reflector layer. The optical cavity improved the quantum efficiency of the detectors by a factor of ~4. The best performance obtained to date are quantum efficiencies of 4% at 8 µm and 1% at 12 µm at 40 K. Further improvement is anticipated through optimization of the pixel structure and the incorporation of antireflection coatings.
- Delivered an HIP detector array to Rockwell as part of a collaboration to integrate JPL-fabricated arrays in a hybrid configuration with bump-bonded readout electronics. Mask design specifications were provided by Rockwell for designing a detector array matched to their readout format. A 128 x 128 array was fabricated at JPL and bump bonded to readout circuitry by Rockwell. Test devices on the same wafer were characterized, showing 18 µm cutoff and QE's of 2% in the 8–12 µm range. Measurements of the leakage current indicate that the performance of these arrays will be background limited (BLIP) for 300 K backgrounds (as in EOS applications) for temperatures <40 K. However, the predicted performance could not be fully tested in this first attempt, as the MUX electronics suffered from carrier freeze out at somewhat higher temperatures. The second attempt will involve a detector array with a shorter wavelength cutoff designed for higher temperature operation.
- Lincoln Laboratory has picked up the JPL-pioneered HIP detector technology, and has succeeded in fabricating an array monolithically integrated with CCD readout electronics. Although they have not yet been able to reproduce the detector performance obtained at JPL, this is a very promising step forward in implementing this new LWIR technology for space applications.
- Achieved a factor of 50 improvement in the performance of GaAs/AlGaAs HIP detectors through new growth techniques aimed at reducing the dopant diffusion which had previously precluded LWIR operation. Optical cavities were also incorporated into the device structure.

- Approached by numerous industries and laboratories concerning possible technology transfer and/or collaborations in the development of large-format HIP arrays. In addition to the ongoing collaboration with Rockwell, JPL has been contacted by Hughes, LORAL, Kodak, and David Sarnoff Laboratories. Some of this interest was stimulated by a presentation at the Meeting of the IRIS Specialty Group on Infrared Detectors, which was thought by many to be the best paper at the meeting.
- Fabricated Si homojunction detectors using MBE growth of Sb-doped barrier layers and B-doped emitter layers. Zero-bias cutoff wavelengths of >12 μm, ~12 μm and 5.5 μm were measured for detectors with barrier thicknesses of 1 kÅ, 1.5 kÅ, and 2 kÅ, respectively. The photoresponse of these detectors is both statically tailorable and dynamically tunable by varying the n barrier layer thickness and applied bias, respectively. QE's of ~5% at wavelengths ranging from 8–12 μm have been obtained with -3 V bias at 15 K.
- **Demonstrated** a new detector structure, the CHIP (Camel-barrier HIP) detector, by incorporating a Sb delta-doped layer between the p+ SiGe layer and p-Si substrate. In addition to the static spectral tailorability of the HIP detector, the CHIP detector offers an additional electrically tunable spectral response. The electrical spectral tunability offers important IR imaging system advantages such as real time target discrimination.
- Fabricated a novel JPL-invented infrared detector, the Layered Internal Photoemission Sensor (LIPS). At 77 K, the dark current in these devices with guard rings was below the detection limit at a reverse bias of 1 V. The LIPS device incorporates electrically floating epitaxial silicide particles embedded in single-crystal silicon, and responds in the 1–2 μm regime. Detectivities of these devices have been measured at 77 K, and are found to be as high as 8x10⁹ cm√Hz/W.
- **Demonstrated** both low dark current and high responsivity at 100 µm in a small germanium blocked impurity band (GeBIB) detector array.

Nonlinear Optical Materials

- Measured large electro-optic r_{11} coefficient of dimethylamino stilbazolium tosylate (DAST) single crystal to be 410 pm/V at 820 nm, giving power figure of merit: $n^3r_{11}/\epsilon = 800$ pm/V vs. 11 for LiNbO₃.
- Measured large second harmonic generation d₁₁ coefficient of DAST single crystal to be 620 pm/V at 1907 nm.
- **Demonstrated** 17% electro-optic amplitude modulation up to 100 kHz for an unoptimized DAST-based Pockels cell.
- Demonstrated strategy based on heavy atom effect and triplet-triplet absorption for enhancing nonlinear absorption in phthalocyanine dyes leading to threefold reduction in threshold of optical limiting device.

- **Demonstrated** phthalocyanine dye-based optical limiter device capable of protecting a silicon detector from 8-nanosecond duration laser pulses of energy over 300 times the normal damage threshold.
- Demonstrated strategy for enhanced optical limiting materials by distributing dyes
 with high nonlinear absorption in host media with large nonlinear refraction leading
 to improved clamped throughput characteristics approaching DoD requirements for
 eye protection.

Fiber Optics

- **Demonstrated** ultra-fast (860-fs) pulse source (erbium fiber mode-locked fiber ring) at 1.55 µm for driving optical protocols fiber network to 100 Gbit/s capacity.
- Analyzed LDEF space shuttle experiment results, which indicated that commercially jacketed fiber optics can survive five years in space if properly designed. Prolonged space exposure and thermal cycling was observed to cause tolerable stiffening of cable sheath, movement of fiber strains within the jacket, and variation of the fiber transmission efficiency with temperature.
- **Developed** multiple HIPPI supercomputer interface concept for 50 Gbit/s hot potato network.

Photovoltaic Technology

- Fabricated diagnostic p-i-n solar cells incorporating ECR-deposited a-Si:H and a-SiC:H films. These diagnostic devices are being used to evaluate material properties for photovoltaic applications.
- **Developed** highly conductive p-type microcrystalline SiC:H films with a conductivity of 0.2 (-cm)⁻¹ for window layer applications in p-i-n solar cells. The high conductivity of the window layer can increase the open circuit voltage of p-i-n solar cells.
- **Demonstrated** the magnetic field profile control on the ion density and energy in the ECR deposition process for achieving optimized material properties. ECR-deposited a-Si:H films have shown an optimized defect density of 1–2 x 10¹⁶ (cm⁻³) with the mirror magnetic field in the range of 300 to 800 Gauss.
- Invented a new a-Si(Xe,H) material, deposited by ECR plasmas using SiH₄, Xe and H₂ gases, in which hydrogen bonded to silicon is lower than the detection limit of the infrared spectroscopy. Photodegradation studies of a-Si(Xe,H) films have shown improved stability for photovoltaic applications.

Space Environmental Effects on Materials

- Identified the mechanism for the synergistic effect between VUV radiation and atomic oxygen in the degradation of space qualified materials.
- **Determined** the microscopic mechanism of the VUV degradation pathway in fluorinated polymers, including primary photoproducts and the efficiencies of these processes.
- Demonstrated the validity of ground based exposure methodology by direct comparison to space exposed samples recovered from LDEF.

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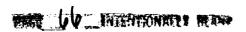
Overview

Advanced concepts in hardware, software and algorithms are being pursued for application in next generation space computers and for ground-based analysis of space data. The research program focuses on massively parallel computation and neural networks, as well as optical processing and optical networking, which are discussed in the Photonics Section. Also included are theoretical programs in neural and nonlinear science, and device development for magnetic and ferroelectric memories.

1991 Major Technical Achievements

Parallel Computation

- Demonstrated first concurrent implementation of CASA CALCRUST application between JPL and SDSC Cray YMP supercomputers.
- **Developed** 3D Parallel Electromagnetic Finite Element code for scattering analysis of arbitrarily shaped, inhomogeneous objects.
- Ported Parallel Electromagnetic Integral Equation code to the Intel Touchstone Delta system; ran cases as large as 30,000 (i.e., dense double precision complex matrix) unknowns.
- Implemented dynamic load balancing in 2D Electrostatic Particle-in-Call (PIC) Code for Multiple Instruction Multiple-Data (MIMD) computers
- **Developed** instrumental line shape algorithm for broadband anisotropic radiation.
- **Developed** Multiple-Instruction Multiple-Data (MIMD) high performance computing testbed at JPL for the development of NASA Grand Challenge Earth and Space Science applications.
- Initiated system software and user tools, numerical algorithm development support for HPCC Earth and Space Science applications developers.
- Implemented the user interface and operating system environment on the Biological Information Signal Processor (BISP) system.
- **Demonstrated** the "Dynamic Load Balancing Algorithm" for the Time Warp Operating System (TWOS), which is the only parallel processing operating system that has the capability to move processes from one node to another during execution of a program on a parallel processor.
- Demonstrated the "Concurrent Theater Level Simulation" using TWOS. The only known wargame to provide a capability for enemy forces to attack from any direction and to engulf opposing forces. The simulation uses a road network that allows movement in any direction it is not constrained to hex game type movements or to a piston type operation. In addition the model is data driven and allows changing locale and military force structure and doctrine easily without a need to recode the simulation.



- Designed and implemented the ray-identification algorithm for the three-dimensional perspective rendering. The algorithm runs efficiently on both sequential and parallel machines, including Sun Sparcstations, JPL MarkIIIfp, Intel iPSC/860 and the Intel Touchstone DELTA System.
- Made further developments on the analytic model of the Event Horizon for simulation. This directly applies to the recent parallel simulation synchronization algorithm developed last year called "Breathing Time Buckets". This theory has further applications in the field of parallel and sequential simulation.
- Developed the interactive features for the Synchronous Parallel Environment for Emulation and Discrete Event Simulation (SPEEDES). SPEEDES is a parallel simulation environment that supports multiple synchronization protocols transparently to the application. It now features some new state-of-the-art approaches for supporting interactive simulations.
- **Developed** a new version of the Time Warp synchronization algorithm to operate in the SPEEDES multi-synchronization environment. This means that all applications written under the SPEEDES environment can select Time Warp in addition to other synchronization protocols for parallel synchronization. Because SPEEDES uses incremental state saving techniques, the memory overhead for state saving in Time Warp is kept down to a minimum.
- Developed a new algorithm for performing proximity detection for parallel simulations called "The Distribution List". This algorithm, in a scalable way, solves the problem of "who can see who," which is fundamental to all military simulations on parallel computers.

Neural and Analog Computing

- Designed, fabricated, and demonstrated for the first time fully parallel, programmable, synaptic array (VLSI) chips with analog weight resolution exceeding 12 bits (1 part in 4000), incorporated in a reconfigurable neural network hardware system. Configurable as both feedback and feed forward architectures, this hardware is based on vertical (parallel) stacking of 7-bit MDAC synapses and nonlinear (sigmoid) variable gain neuron chips. Convergence time of less than only a few microseconds has been demonstrated on this reconfigurable hardware. This translates into a computing speed of multibillion operations per second.
- **Developed** and **implemented** in hardware the new powerful "cascade backpropagation" algorithm for efficient supervised learning in feed forward neural network architectures. The neuron-synapse composite chip-based, reconfigurable neural network hardware system has been used to implement the new cascade backprop learning algorithm with "hardware-in-the-loop" for the first time. A separate graphics routine developed for the purpose allows a real time display of the network architecture and its performance during learning of the ill-defined transformations as well as during the mapping exercises.

- **Demonstrated** a sonar signature discrimination problem (Navy) and a Landsat imagery interpretation problem (Army) as examples of ill-defined transformations captured by the learning capabilities of the neural networks in hardware. The ill-defined nature of these problems makes it extremely difficult to solve them using conventional computing techniques.
- Expanded our optical neuron array chip to include 4096 neurons (64 x 64 array, based on phototransistors) for thresholding and winner take all functions, fabricated in 2 micron CMOS. The chip, designed primarily for correlation peak detection function in the neocognitron architecture, provides a factor of 4 enhancement in the resolution of the peak detection compared to the earlier 32 x 32 photodetector array chip.
- Developed and demonstrated for the first time a dedicated processor chip for route planning. Given mobility costs per pixel over a terrain of interest, the 24 x 25 pixel-processor array chip based on a highly parallel architecture, computes all possible paths from a selected (origin) pixel in parallel, providing orders of magnitude speed enhancement compared to a typical sequential computer. The chip has direct applications in planetary rover navigation, robotics, and battlefield management. The path planner chip, interfaced with a PC, can compute and display, for example, simultaneous advances of "red" and "blue" teams on any constrained terrain, isocost contours for the different movers, as well as the best path to reach virtually any point on the terrain, with an estimate of the required cost.
- **Demonstrated** for the first time a <u>high-speed</u> non-destructive photoresponse readout from optically addressed ferroelectric lead zirconate titanate (PZT) thin film memory elements. When illuminated with laser pulses as short as ~ 25 nsec, the short circuit photocurrent from the PZT samples represents nondestructive readout of the information, stored in a nonvolatile fashion as remanent polarization in the thin film memory elements. Furthermore, the readout signal or the remanent polarization exhibited negligible degradation even after over a million readouts.
- Successfully transferred selected neural network hardware technology (VLSI designs and implementation know-how) to a U.S. industry (McDonnell Douglas) and a national laboratory (C. S. Draper Laboratory). The technology transfer activities with the two organizations have resulted in board level neural network hardware products, primarily optimized for the applications selected by the respective organizations. These hardware products represent some of the very first such high speed, artificial neural networks, tailored for specific functions.
- **Demonstrated** a new Boltzmann machine architecture that determines great circle arcs using certain associational data sent by an already existing tracker.

Neurocomputing Theory and Nonlinear Science

• **Discovered** new method for <u>global optimization</u> of multiextremal functions based on "Terminal Repeller Unconstrained Subenergy Tunneling" (TRUST).

Over 100 times faster than competing state-of-the-art approaches on standard SIAM benchmarks

- TRUST algorithms designed for easy implementation on massively parallel optoelectronic hardware
- Major benefit expected for many defense, space, and energy applications
- **Developed** new methodology for multitarget tracking in a dense threat environment based upon hydrodynamical techniques coupled with neural network algorithms.
 - Demonstrated tracking errors of under one percent for threat configurations involving several thousand elements
 - Method selected for priority classified dissemination by SDIO/IDA's Advanced Concepts Panel
- Developed and demonstrated an unipolar terminal-attractor based associative memory (UTABAM) system via adaptive threshold enabling perfectly correct convergence in the associative recall of inputs where the number of stored states are comparable to the number of neurons thus showing a significant improvement over the Hopfield neural net.
- **Discovered** a new pyramidal multi-layer multi-resolution optoelectronic data classification system utilizing the perfectly convergent unipolar terminal-attractor based associative memory and the futuristic SEED devices.
- **Developed** a new class of brain-in-a-cube-type bifurcating opto-electronic pattern recognition (BOPAR) technique for data classification using high-gain nonlinear photorefractive crystals with an experimental demonstration using barium titanite.
- Developed a new class of shift, rotation, and scale invariant adaptive optical pattern recognition (AOPAR) system for discerning a very faint object merged in a highly cluttered background and experimentally demonstrated using a high-gain photorefractive barium-titanite crystals.
- Developed the novel theory of Non-Lipschitzian Neural Dynamics.
 - The ability of our networks to change spontaneously their structural behavior as a result of parametrical periodic excitations lead to a performance that phenomenologically resembles brain activity
 - Work importance emphasized by biologists in recent issues of Journal of Neuroscience
 - Work also leads to design of unpredictable systems having important defense applications
- Formulated neural learning theory in terms of adjoint operators.
 - Enables highly efficient spatio-temporal pattern processing (order N² speed up)
 - Designed for real-time applications

- **Developed** a new methodology enabling rapid tactical situation assessment under battlefield conditions.
 - Capable of identifying enemy force structures using as little as twenty percent of detected nodes and arbitrary template warping
 - Capable of predicting location of undetected nodes
- **Developed** methodology enabling the solution of partial differential equations on synchronous neural hardware. When implemented on novel CCD/CID chip (256 neurons, 65536 synapses, one trillion operations per second) developed jointly with Caltech, a factor of 100 speed-up over conventional state-of-the-art supercomputers will be achieved.
- **Demonstrated** a new Boltzmann machine architecture that obtains feasible solutions without embedding feasibility constraints on the connection matrix.
- **Demonstrated** the utility of using interactive graphics to allow experimentation and user friendliness with regard to facilitation of neural convergence and solution identification.
- **Demonstrated** the theory and algorithms relating to the determination of whether an arbitrary transition graph has a prefix code event.

Optical Processing

- **Developed** successfully a precision Fourier optic method for characterizing electron-beam-lithographically-made Ronchi grating in Cr film on glass substrate and obtained encouraging initial results.
- Demonstrated successfully, for the first time, image correlation using photorefractive GaAs with two InGaAsP/InP DBF lasers, which could be a first step towards development of compact correlators as building blocks for future sophisticated object recognition systems.
- Improved significantly the understanding of time integration and correlation using photorefractive GaAs for RF signal processing.
- **Demonstrated** successfully the first-generation optoelectronic peak detection array chip fabricated using VLSI technology.
- **Demonstrated**, for the first time, the capability of the visible AOTF imaging spectrometer breadboard system to take high-quality video of outdoor scenes in partially cloudy days, important for future airborne and outdoor applications.
- Made significant progress to **understand** the band edge shift effect in GaAs crystal under a DC voltage due to heating under two-wave mixing condition, important for optical processing using the band edge photorefractive effect in the material.
- Tested successfully the capability of the first generation 32 x 32 element peak detection VLSI chips for detecting correlation peaks in an optical correlation system.

- **Demonstrated** successfully the feasibility of using degenerate four-wave mixing in photorefractive GaAs to perform time correlation and pulse compression, with potential application in RF and radar signal processing.
- **Demonstrated** excellent spatial and intensity uniformity of the image obtained by the AOTF imaging spectrometer.
- Completed a computer simulation to generate Mars surface contour features for investigating the hazard avoidance guidance for the Mars Lander.
- **Demonstrated**, for the first time, the capability of the IR AOTF imaging spectrometer breadboard system to measure detailed reflective spectra using a Bastnaesite sample, which are similar to those reported using a conventional precision Beckman spectrometer.
- Demonstrated, for the first time, a new image processing concept with attributes of optical correlator and novelty filter (e.g., moving detector), with potential applications for both detection of a moving target in a cluttered environment and recognition of the target using optical correlation using the same instrument. The demonstration experiment used a photorefractive CdTe crystal and a compact diode-pumped Nd:YAG laser in a matched filter configuration.

Data Storage

- Invented a new, higher margin, read technique.
- Verified simulations of static behavior of domain walls.
- **Demonstrated** partial matching of bias fields to stabilize both bubble domains in the major line and stripe domains in the minor loop.
- **Demonstrated** reliable elongation of stripe domains into I/O gate (not out the opposite end).
- Used lift-off processing for better conductor width control. Virtually eliminated layer to layer shorts by design improvement. Improved control of garnet etching by ion implantation. Studied the variation in magnetization and coercivity of sputtered CoPt.
- **Developed** a new data structure for sequential and parallel simulations for management of the future event list called the SPEEDES Tree. This data structure outperformed the Splay Tree (normally thought of as the best data structure for this problem) by 30% or more. Because all discrete event simulations (parallel or sequential) use event lists, this achievement is very important for this field, especially in applications where the management of the event list takes a large percentage of the computation time.

Software Engineering and Computer Science

• **Demonstrated** object-oriented classification of software components, hypermedia browsing, searching, and cataloguing tools for component databases, automatic generation of hypermedia from the database, and automatic retrieval of components over networks.

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Overview

The goals of this program are to develop custom microcircuit technology, also known as Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) technology, for use in flight and ground programs. Supporting this effort are activities to investigate the effects of the space environment, and particularly ionizing radiation, on microcircuits and to develop a space qualification methodology. Another aspect of the program emphasizes innovative applications of custom microcircuit technology to image and signal processing and communications.

1991 Major Technical Achievements

- Designed and fabricated a VLSI chip set for an advanced spaceborne computer. The computer features a 16 bit data path based on Sandia's SA3300 Rad board, SEU resistant microprocessor, which executes the National Semiconductor NSC32016 instruction set. These custom chips for the computer were designed and fabricated by JPL: Direct memory access coprocessor (DMAC); fault management unit (FMU); control unit (CU); floating point unit (FPU) (joint project with Sandia).
- **Designed** three complex custom microcircuits with JPL Standard Cell Library and fabricated at US2 foundry. These circuits are three of six chips required for proposed single-board <u>SP</u>acebourne <u>Advanced Computing Engine</u> or SPACE16 capable of supporting science applications aboard EOS and other spacecraft. Breadboard is now in procurement.
- Identified failure mechanisms for Schottky gate GaAs ICs. Test structures were designed to characterize these mechanisms. A test chip was designed containing these test structures (over 60 test structures) for Vitesse HgAs II technology. The test chip layout was submitted to Vitesse and was fabricated on a dedicated run.
- **Developed** an advanced reliability test system with high throughput capability. This system is being implemented.
- Configured a parametric tester comprising HP4062 hardware and the IC-CAP and ICMS data acquisition software.

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Spatial light modulators A. Awaal

Scanning tunneling microscopy research J. D. Baldeschwieler

J. Bower Neural oscillations in cognitive neuroscience

New methods for global optimization with J. Burdick F. Culick application to redundant robots operating in

unstructured environments

T. Gottschalk Concurrent multi-target-tracking

Nonlinear optical polymers R.H. Grubbs

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Parallel universe and concurrent computation J.B. Lathrop

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N. Lewis Surface passiviation and electrochemistry of

III-V compound semiconductor

V.M. Lubecke Adjustable RF tuning elements

Diamond film technology V. McKoy

T.G. Phillips Development and fabrication SIS mixers for

the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO)

J. Pine Micromachining technology

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D. Psaltis Optoelectronically implemented neural

network architecture

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materials

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characteristics for the Owens Valley Radio

Observatory (OVRO)

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Selective-area patterned growth by MOCVD K. Valhala

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wells

J. Wu

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A. Yariv

Large-scale processors and algorithms for neurocomputing and signal analysis based on

CCD technology

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High Tc superconductivity

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Development of Josephson effect array oscillators and novel receiver designs

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S. Ali (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)	Mixer analysis
D. Andes (Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA)	Development of neurocomputing methods for target detection in cluttered background using VLSI analog neuroprocessors
P. Bhattacharya, (University of Michigan)	Data storage
S. Bellenot (Florida State University)	Time Warp Simulation Technology Development Task
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L.C. Davis (Ford Research Staff, Ford Motor Co.)	BEEM research
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B. Dunn (University of California, Los Angeles)	Sol-Gel nonlinear optical materials
J. East (University of Michigan)	Submillimeter-wave mixer analysis
N. Erickson (University of Massachusetts)	Submillimeter-wave multipliers
J. Essick (Occidental College)	Photovoltaic technology
D. Fransen (National Institute of Standards and Techology)	Erbium fiber ring mode-locking
T.K. Gaylord (Georgia Institute of Technology)	BEEM research
J. Green (University of Oxford)	Synthesis of organic and organometallic NLO materials
A. Grimshaw (University of Virginia)	Object-oriented Parallel Programming Paradigms

J. Heritage (University of California, Davis)	Ultra-fast fiber pulse transmission
G. Hewer (Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA)	Fiber optically guided missiles
R. Iltis (University of California, Santa Barbara)	Neural and analog computing
D. Jefferson (University of California, Los Angeles)	Time Warp Simulation Technology Development Task
P. Kaaret (Columbia University)	Micromachined X-ray optical components
E. Kollberg (Chalmers University, Sweden)	Submillimeter wave varactors
N. Luhmann (University of California, Los Angeles)	Millimeter-wave imaging arrays
A. Madhuhar (University of Southern California)	MBE growth and characterization of lattice mismatched devices on patterned substrates
R. McNaughton (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)	Counter Free Automata
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D. Okaya (University of Southern California)	CALCRUST seismic data preparation
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Rockwell International Science Center	First demonstration of a hybrid HIP detector array bump bonded to readout electronics
J. Sauer (University of Colorado)	Hot potato fiber network
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A. Stubberud (University of California, Irvine)	Neural and analog computing
A.Tanielian (Revtek Corp.)	Data storage
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GaAs Reliability

Nonlinear wave interactions and optical computing

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 - Led development of the Permanent Magnet Twistor Memory
 - Originated Vertical Bloch Line (VBL) Memory development in the United States
 - Fellow, IEEE
 - 1988 Achievement Award of the IEEE Magnetics Society
 - IEEE, outstanding lecturer 1973 to 1977
 - General Chairman, 1972 Intermag Conference
- Dr. Heinrich Rohrer
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